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EXPOSITIONS: SUMMARY REPORT

PASS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR NELSON TP& E

1. SUMMARY: BIE SEMI- ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
TOOK PLACE JUNE 26. HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION WERE INTRODUCTION OF
J. WELLES HENDERSON AS COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR SPOKANE
WORLD EXPOSITION BARCELONA 1982 AND APPROVAL OF SEVEN SPECIAL
RULES AND PARTICIPATION CONTRACT FOR OKINAWA 1975. END SUMMARY.

2. AGENDA FOR MEETING FOLLOWED THAT REPORTED PARIS
A-399, 5/30/73. UNDER SPOKANE AGENDA ITEM U. S. DELEGATE NELSON
INTRODUCED J. WELLES HENDERSON AS COMMISSIONER
GENERAL, NOTING HIS EXCEPTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS PARTICULARLY
IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS. COMMISSIONER HENDERSON TRANSMITTED
GREETINGS OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO BIE MEMBERSHIP AND NOTED FULL
SUPPORT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOR SUCCESS OF SPOKANE EXPOSITION,
MADE DIGNIFIED AND NOTEWORTHY PRESENTATION OF SPOKANE EXPOSITION
AND ITS DEVOTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, REVIEWED SPOKANE
EXPOSITION
COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL THEME, CITED RELATIONSHIP OF
SPOKANE EXPOSITION TO AMERICAN BI- CENTENNIAL AND UNDERLINED
CLOSE ATTACHMENT OF U. S. TO BIE. HENDERSON GAVE SPECIAL RECO-
GNITION TO AND HIS APPRECIATION OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE
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ALREADY AGREED PARTICIPATE AT SPOKANE: CANADA, JAPAN, USSR AND TAIWAN, AND SAID NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES STILL UNDERWAY. HE THEN EXPRESSED HIS AND PRESIDENT NIXON' S GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE ABSENCE THUS FAR OF ANY PARTICIPATION BY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BUT SAID WE WERE STILL HOPEFUL THAT FAVORABLE PARTICIPATION DECISIONS NIGHT YET TAKE PLACE. IN DISCUSSING PROGRAM FOR SPOKANE EXPOSITION, HENDERSON UNDERLINED SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ASPECTS AS WELL AS PRIVATE CORPORATION PARTICIPATION.

3. U. S. DELEGATE NELSON REQUESTED AND GAINED APPROVAL OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR SLIGHT CHANGE IN OPENING AND CLOSING DATES OF SPOKANE. OPENING DATE MOVED FROM MAY 1 TO MAY 4 AND CLOSING DATE FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 3.

4. OWING TO ILLNESS OF BIE PRESIDENT HAMELS OF BELGIUM, CHAIR TAKEN AT LATTER' S REQUEST BY MICHAL KAJZER, CHAIRMAN CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE FROM POLAND. KAJZER MADE EXCEPTIONALLY GRACIOUS AND SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE TO ADDRESS BY HENDERSON AND SLIDE PRESENTATION ON PROGRESS AT EXPOSITION SITE. KAJZER NOTED HIS PARTICULAR GRATIFICATION AT SCIENTIFIC SEMINARS AND CULTURAL EVENTS TAKING PLACE AT SPOKANE. HE ALSO ENSURED READY APPROVAL CHANGE OF DATES, ALTHOUGH GROUNDWORK HAD BEEN LAID BY USDEL DURING LAST MEETING OF HIS CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE.

5. BETWEEN MORNING NAD AFTERNOON SESSIONS, LUNCHEON GIVEN IN PROMINENT DOWNTOWN HOTEL BY HENDERSON FOR COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO PARTICIPATE, (USSR DELEGATES INVITED BUT WERE NOT PRESENT AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING); ACTING PRESIDENT OF BIE; SECRETARY GENERAL OF BIE AND HIS DEPUTY; U. S. DELEGATEES; AND EWEN DINGWALL, SPOKANE WASHINGTON REP. LUNCHEON VERY SUCCESSFUL AND WAS OCCASION FOR INFORMAL INTRODUCTION COMMISSIONER GENERAL, VALUABLE DISCUSSION, AND FRIENDLY FORTHCOMING TOASTS BY ACTING PRESIDENT KAJZER AND BIE SPECRETARY GENERAL.

6. SPAIN FORMALLY REQUESTED 1982 UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION IN BARCELONA. ONLY BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE ON PLANS IS IN SPANISH AND WILL BE CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY NELSON. BIE MEMBERS WILL NOW HAVE PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS IN WHICH TO STATE ANY OBJECTIONS TO 1982 DATE.

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7. NO ACTION TAKEN ON CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE' S CONSIDERATION OF DEFINITION AND DURATION OF SPECIAL EXPOSITIONS. IN FALL,

COMMITTEE WILL RESUME CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS IN EACH AREA.
MEANWHILE, ALL DELEGATIONS ARE URGED TO SEND IN PROPOSALS ON
EITHER POINT.

8. SEVEN SPECIAL RULES AND PARTICIPATION CONTRACT FOR OKINAWA
1975 APPROVED UPON RECOMMENDATION BY RULES COMMITTEE; HOWEVER
JAPANESE DELEGATION ACCEPTED GENERAL SENTIMENT OTHER DELEGATIONS
AND AGREED DROP ARTICLE 5 OF PARTICIPATION CONTRACT,
WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN
EITHER PARTY ABILITY CANCEL CONTRACT UNILATERALLY.

9. ISSUE ON INCREASING REGISTRATION FEES FOR SPECIAL
EXPOSITIONS DEFERRED UNTIL FALL SESSION.

10. FALL SESSION SET FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1973.

11. FULL MINUTES OF MEETING WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS
RECEIVED. IRWIN

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